The Bible and Daily Living

The voice of God

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Discerning The Voice of God
Lesson for June 7, 1981
Bible Study Passages: II Kings 23:1-2, Deut. 10:12-11:1

Introduction

One may hear many voices in our modern society calling us to do things that will enhance our image and better the quality of life. The media of television daily bombards us with subtle and overt messages to buy certain products and drive certain cars. The power of suggestion reaps large profits for those companies trying to win our support.

How may we hear the voice of God in the midst of so many voices, all crying for our attention? One thing is certain, the commands of God upon his people are no different today than they were centuries ago. From June through August we'll be studying the Book of Deuteronomy for a fresh glimpse of God's requirements upon his followers.

The Significance of the Book [II Kings 23:1-2]

The Book of Deuteronomy has great importance for the people of God. This book was at one time banned and almost lost for good. Josiah was a king who favored religious and political reform following the evil reign of Manasseh. The Temple was a shambles and the people lacked the words of God.

During the work of restoring the temple, someone found the Book of Deuteronomy. Josiah called all the people together and read to them from its contents. What a glad day it was to hear once again the voice of God through the written law.

The Words of the Lord [Deut. 10:12-11:1]

The written commands of God revealed that the people were to love God, keep the commandments, and to love thy neighbor as thyself. Verse 12 of Chapter 10 seems to sum up the requirements of God upon his people. They (we) are to reverence him, walk in his paths, love him, and serve him with body, mind, and soul.

This particular section of Deuteronomy is paramount in importance for understanding the nature of God's commands upon his people both yesteryear and today. The divine words of God urge his people to be open-minded to the possibilities God has in store for those who willfully follow him.

This historic scroll contains a powerful description of what the Covenant God is like. With sweeping "brush strokes" of the pen God is pictured as majestic and in control. Everything and everyone is subject to the divine purpose of God. (Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.)

Then we note the description of God's never failing grace and love. God specifically chose this people to be recipients of his love and to carry out his commandments. God's chosen people were delivered from Egyptian slavery, only to disobey him and wander aimlessly in the Sinai Wasteland for forty years. Many who left Egypt did not live to see the Promised Land. They paid a steep price for this disobedience.

Responding to the Lord [Deut. 10:19-11:1]

The people who heard the scroll read on that glad day were surely moved by all they heard. Such words were like cool waters to parched lips. Too long the people had known only evil and hostile leaders.

Upon hearing the scroll the people were moved to give praise for God's love and to express awe and reverent respect for God's rightful place in their life. The natural response of those who respond to the love of God is to serve him with obedient service.

Serving God opens doors whereby we can fulfill the great purposes he has in store for us. Following God is a daily walk that requires our sincerest efforts. Love for God is followed by love of others. If God so loved them, they were to love him in return by also loving others. Religion is dead that does not reach out in love and compassion for the poor and broken. Jesus would one day follow these commandments with his own exhortation to "... love thy neighbor as thyself."

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYP).

Bible School planned

The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School June 8-12 at 9:00 each morning. This will be a three-hour school each day with the theme "Learning More About Ourselves and God."

The younger preschool groups will be led by Mrs. H. T. Cheatham and Mrs. Malcolm Booker, Jr. and will study materials related to loving one another.

The older pre-school group will be led by Mrs. Charles Morgan and Mrs. L. C. Boyd, Jr. and will study materials related to a special book. The younger children will be led by Mrs. Kirk Harris and Mrs. Dennis Williams and will study the theme, "Let's Learn about the Bible."

The older children will be led by Mrs. Laura Stanley and Mr. Ralph Stanley and Rev. J. N. Williams, the pastor and will study the materials related to the theme of "The Bible is God's Word." The youth will be led by Mrs. J. N. Williams and Mr. Freddie Wells and will be involved in a study of "Hear Jesus" which will deal with christian life styles and christian principles to be followed as we live out our lives for Christ

The adults will have vacation Bible School at Liberty Chapel this year and we will be led by Mr. Joe Megginson and the school will be June 14-18 at 7:00 p.m. The adult study will be "Living by Biblical Faith".

There will be a parent's night on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. for all the parents to come and participate with the children and youth in the material they have been studying all week and to share in a time of fellowship.

Revival services set

Revival services will be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on State Route 656 in Concord from June 1 to June 7.

The services, which are open to the public, will begin at 7:30 daily.

Guest speaker for the event will be the Rev. John Gamble of Lynchburg.

Special music will be provided each night of the revival.

Letters

To The Citizens of Appomattox County:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped in the 1981 Cancer Crusade Drive.

Our goal was $7,100.00 and we are getting close to it, having passed the $6,000.00 mark last week.

I would like to especially thank Tony Clifton of WTTX FM 107 for our first very successful Radiothon. He not only helped many people with information concerning cancer and the major breakthroughs that have been made in research and treatment.

Also, a big thank you to Junior and Nina Beasley and Jimmy Womack for their valuable efforts that made the softball tournament a hugh success.

To the Fred Jones' and all their help that assisted in the Frank C. Chuchek Memorial Skate. Also, to the students of Miss Brenda Richardson at the Appomattox High School for making posters. To the Pepsi Bottling Co. of Lynchburg and Thomas Groggin Distributors for supplying the snacks and Central Fidelity, Farmer's Banks and American Federal Savings and Loan for prizes.

To Frances Paulette for her excellent publicity and to the Times-Virginian and WTTX for the many spot ads.

Last, but not least to all seventy-six volunteers that went house-to-house collecting donations. I know how difficult this has been, especially since there were so many collecting at the same time from other groups. It's because of you that we have done as well as we have.

To the citizens of Appomattox, a special thanks for your generousity. Cancer is a terrible disease. It's the honest desire of all those connected with the American Cancer Society to find a cure within our lifetime. Your contributions have helped. Many individuals could tell you how much your funds have helped them with needed medical supplies, transportation and a number of emergency funds that really made the difference. Of course, the Loan Closet would be a pretty low supply without your donations.

If any of you were missed in the Drive and wish to donate, we are still below our goal. You can send a check to Box 505, Appomattox or stop by the Traveler's Inn Motel. The allocation for Appomattox is dependent on the amount raised in the previous drive.

Again, many thanks and God bless you for your kindness. Speaking for all the board members.

Sincerely,
Janet H. Noble, Chairman
Crusade Drive, American Cancer Society
Appomattox, Va.

Editor:

Depot Dramatics, Community theatre group, is planning to produce **Guys and Dolls** this summer. We are presently in need of a piano to use for this production. Any group or individual, who has a piano that they would loan or donate to the group, is asked to contact Joyce Sweet at 248-5390.

Appomattox residents are reminded that auditions for the show will be held June 15, at the Depot. We hope that citizens will support this play and really make it a community project.

Thank you,
Joyce Sweet

Thank you citizens of Appomattox County - to all of you who gave and supported our drive.

Thank you to our volunteers for your willingness to give of your time and help when called, this meant a lot and we do appreciate your help and support.

Thank you also to WTTX radio station, our county newspaper, Times-Virginian, and to each and everyone of you who had a part in helping and giving.

It would be impossible to list everyone who helped in our fund drive campaign, but to all of our volunteers and our county citizens we thank and appreciate you.

We want to continue to be a county and town of people helping people for another century. Our goal $2,000.00. Amout raised $1,762.62.

Sincerely,
Edith N. McCormick
Nina Beasley

Bible School slated

Bible School will begin at Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville on June 6, 1981. This will be preparation day.

Registration will be from 3 to 4 p.m. Fun time will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Then from 5 to 6 there will be a spaghetti and hot dog supper for the entire family.

Beginning on June 8 classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. each day thru June 12. All children and young people are invited to attend.

Bible School slated

The Spout Spring Baptist Church will be conducting Vacation Bible School June 15 through June 19 from seven until nine o'clock each evening.

As part of the program, there will be Bible Courses, handicrafts and refreshments. Families of the community are cordially invited to share in this Christian teaching and fellowship.

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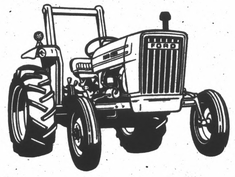
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County Line news

Sorry no County Line news last week because of the holidays.

Weekend guest of Mr. Walter Jordan last week were Mr. Fabor of Concord. Mr. Whitten of Bookneal, Mrs. Gene Tibbs and daughter of Lynchburg, Thomas and Kevin Torrence of Amherst, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan of Rocky Mt., N. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann.

Mrs. Linda Cyrus and Mrs. Nellie Nash visited Mr. Harmon Jennings of Lynchburg Tuesday.

Miss Yvonne Beale and Mrs. Reva Webb visited Mrs. Nellie Nash Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Covington Sunday night. We're glad Mr. Covington is back at home and doing nicely. Glad to have him at church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dale Jones fractured her ankle last week and is wearing a cast on it. We wish for her the best of luck.

Mr. Raymond Mullins and son, David visited in the home of Elliott Nash Saturday afternoon.

Angela Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore, spent Tuesday afternoon with Cecilia Nash in the home of Mrs. Elliott Nash.

Mrs. Carroll Mann went to the doctor last week and had a brace put on her leg. We wish Nancy a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ford and family attended the Appomattox High School and Virginia High School Baseball game in Bristol, Va. last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann and family of Fredericksburg spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Mann and son spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mann.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson, Mrs. Myrna Nash, Wendy Nash and Todd Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Harvey Monday. Mr. Harvey is not doing so well at this time. We hope he'll soon be better.

Mrs. Yvonne Carson and Susan and Mrs. Richard Nash attended the talent and Glee Club concert at New London School Friday night. Missy Layne, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash, was in the concert.

Supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nash Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Daivd Carson and children and Mrs. Felisa Scruggs and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson and family of Ohio spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Laura Ferguson.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson and Mrs. Richard Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Roger Covington one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mullins and Sheila and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cyrus visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mullins Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banton visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Banton of Red House Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Agee of Scottsville and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scruggs of Dillwyn on Memorial Day.

Mrs. Minnie Wooldridge is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Lucille Barrett. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. Booker Jones.

Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Booker Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ford and family and Mr. Richard Jones and girls.

Mrs. Linda Cyrus and children, Mrs. Elliott Nash and Dawn visited Mrs. Nellie and Yvonne Beale Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Dale Menser visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Banton and Phillip Thursday night.

Mr. T. C. Torrence, Bill and Terri Stanley left Wednesday for St. Petersburg, Florida where they are visiting relatives.

Visitors of Mr. Walter Jordan last week were, John Paul Jordan of N. C., Mary Tibbs of Lynchburg, Mr. Eldridge Jordan of N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Tucker.

Mrs. Nellie Nash and Dawn Kerr and Jennifer Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Bruce Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Graham and family of Warrenton spent Memorial weekend with their family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Evans Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Nash and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waller attended the dance concert at E. C. Glass High School on Saturday night. Mrs. Waller's niece was in the program.

Mrs. Raymond Mullins attended a meeting at Ferrum College on Saturday.

Congratulations to James Zimmerman on winning the jackpot on WTTX bingo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lively spent Friday in Williamsburg.

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